Proceedings of the Government of His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore.

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Letter No. 2097, dated the 23rd August 1912, from the Revenue Commissioner in Mysore, forwarding the following letter from the Deputy Commissioner of Mysore on the Cattle Show held at Maddur in May 1912.

Letter from the Officiating President, District Board, Mysore District, to the Officiating Secretary to the Government of Mysore, General and Revenue Departments, No. 85, dated 14th August 1912 (through the Revenue Commissioner in Mysore.

I have the honor to submit herewith a copy of French Rocks Division Assistant Commissioner's No. 42, dated 12th July 1912, and of Mandya Taluk Amildar's report on the Cattle Show held at Maddur in the Mandya Taluk in the month of May 1912. It will be seen therefrom that there was not a good collection of cattle this year as the Sri Narasimhaswamy Jatra and the car procession of Madduramma occurred on different dates, that there were about 500 pairs of cattle of good breed and quality, that the medal assigned for the cows was not given as there were only 3 or 4 cows at the show, that three prizes were given for draught bullocks, that no fee was laid on cattle with a view to encourage cattle owners to attend the show voluntarily and that 200 cattle were exhibited at the show and 18 of them got prizes.

It is also reported that the cattle disease Inspector delivered an impressive lecture on cattle diseases and distributed pamplets on renderpest. A sum of Rs. 59 appears to have been collected by subscription to supplement the grant of Rs. 50 from District Funds and the total expenditure incurred was Rs. 99-11-6 as detailed in the Amildar's report. This show was held for the second time at Maddur and was a fair success. The subject of increasing the grant will be placed before the District Board and a separate report submitted to Government.

(*Enclosure.*)

A brief report of the Cattle Show held at Maddur on the 7th and 8th May 1912, during Sri Narasimhaswamy's Jatra.

The holding of the cattle show was sanctioned in the year 1910 *vide* Government Proceedings No. 8881-4—L. B. 415-08-8. The show was first held last year on the 19th and 20th April 1911 in the Tope adjacent to Madduramma's temple.

2. This year the cattle show was held for the second time on the 7th and 8th May 1912. The car procession of Sri Narasimhaswamy was held on the 6th May 1912 and the cattle show also was fixed on that date, but there was not much collection of cattle on that date, as the people in and around the taluks were under the impression that the show was to be held synchronously with the car procession of Madduramma which took place on the 8th and 9th instant.

3. Generally the cattle breeders belong to Vakkaligar caste. They attach more importance and faith to Goddess Mudduramma than to Sri Narasimhaswamy car procession. As a result of giving more importance to the Madduramma jatra there was large collection of cattle just at the approach of the car procession of Goddess Madduramma which took place on the 8th May 1912.

4. There were about five hundred pairs of cattle of good breed and quality, the best pair of draught bullocks cost rupees two hundred to seven hundred rupees. There were also good specimens of cattle from Kankanhalli, Magadi, Malvalli and other neighbouring taluks.

5. As usual a pendal was put up in the tope for accommodating the cattle owners and the well that was within the tope was deepened and the water disinfected. It afforded a good drinking water for those that assembled at the jatra.

6. Fortunately there was also one month's water stored up at the Maddur tank and the water was let out in the Kemman nala which flows by the side of the tope. The cattle owners were very much pleased at the water facility afforded to them. Arrangements were also made for providing fodder to the cattle at a moderate price and there was no difficulty at all felt by them for getting fodder to the cattle.

7. There would have been a larger collection of cattle had it not been for the rain, which poured in a few days before the jatra. Some of the raiyats had taken advantage of the long desired rain by attending to the agricultural pursuits and did not attempt to attend the jatra and to exhibit the cattle. Even on the night of the 5th and 6th May 1912 there was rain at Maddur and some of the cattle owners of the neighbouring villages who had

assembled at the jatra and exhibited their cattle went away to the Maddur town on pretence of tying up their cattle in their relatives' houses, and to afford shelter for their cattle from rain and then decamped to their villages to take advantage of the rain that had fallen.

8. About 1,000 heads of cattle of all sorts were collected at the tope of Madduramma and at the channel banks of Kemmana nala. Five specimen of draught bullocks, bulls and calves had come for the show, but there were only three or four cows that were present at the show and the medal which was assigned for the cows was not distributed owing to the very limited number of cows and the same reserved for the next year.

9. As there were large number of draught bullocks, three prizes were offered instead of two as in the previous year. A committee of eight men consisting of local and influential raiyats was formed to judge the quality of the different breeds of cattle. The Veterinary Inspector Mr. Narasimha Iyengar was kind enough to be present at the show and gave his inestimable help and used his best experience and knowledge in the selection of cattle for prize and reward.

10. The committee consisted of Channaboregowda, Somegowda, Mochegowda of Gejjalagere, Siddegowda of Tailur, Chowdegowda of Keelara, Siddegowda of Budanur, Channappa and Chikkegowda of Somanahalli.

11. There was general satisfaction among the cattle owners regarding the selection of best judges made, for deciding and marking out animal for prizes. A request was made by the cattle owners to the Sub-Division Officer to exempt them from the payment of one anna as fee on each head of cattle. The influential raiyats and local people also requested that the tax need not be collected for some years to come with a view to encourage the owners to come to the show voluntarily without feeling any burden, and without payment of one anna on each head of cattle. The Sub-Division Officer on the request made by the people ordered that the fee of one anna need not be collected. Hence no fee was collected. After the abolition of this tax, more cattle which were collected away from the tope entered the cattle show ground and presented a very good sight to the persons and spectators witnessing the same.

12. Two hundred heads of cattle were picked out, out of the cattle collected for the show and of this number only 18 were chosen for prizes.

Of these 18, ten were awarded in the shape of medals, money prizes and eight were given certificates which were printed in gold letters and made ready for the occasion. A list of prize winners is attached to the report. The Sub-Division Officer Mr. L. Krishna Rao, presided at the occasion of distribution of prizes and gave out lecture regarding the usefulness of the show and the impetus it would afford to the cattle owners for the better breeding of their cattles and the high prizes they would fetch in addition to the ready sale of their cattle at the show.

13. Mr. Narasimha Iyengar gave a lecture touching upon the cattle diseases, distributed pamphlets on rinderpest. He gave very sound instructions to the audience how to breed better cattle and how to avoid their disease that is prevalent among cattle.

14. The District Board was kind enough to allot Rs. 50 for the show, for the distribution of the prizes and as the same was not enough a subscription list was opened and circulated among a limited number of men. A sum of Rs. 59 was collected in the shape of subscription. This including the Government grant made up a sum of Rs. 109-0-0, of which Rs. 50-15-0 were paid up for medals and Rs. 25 were distributed as money rewards and Rs. 23-12-6 were spent for putting the show ground in proper order and adopted to the sanitary requirements, such as sinking the wells and putting up of an arch and arranging for the English band during the distribution of prizes and the parading of cattle that won the prizes in procession in the streets.

15. The residents of Maddur were very anxious to take the prize winning cattle in procession in the streets with bands and music and offered the arthi and cocoanuts to them just as they passed in front of their houses. This fact indicates the zeal and anxiety evinced among the raiyats population in the cattle show. There is a balance of Rs. 9-4-6 which will be credited to the Muzrai funds, as the show was held in the tope belonging to the temple. There was also a sale of cattle to the amount of rupees 3 to 4 thousand.

16. There was no outbreak of any epidemic of any kind during the jatra and the cattle from the infected villages were not allowed to the show. The Sanitary Inspector looked to the sanitation of the town and the show ground during the jatra. In this connection I beg to request that the amount of Rs. 50 allotted to the show is quite inadequate for the awardal of prizes in the shape of medals and I only request that the grant of Rs. 50 may be increased by Rs. 25. During the Jatra and just on the prize distribution day, a Co-operative Society at Maddur was formed and Mr. Badami Krishna Rao delivered lectures regarding the utility and the usefulness of the formation of Co-operative Societies.

Memo No. 42, *dated* 11—12*th July* 1912 *from the Sub-Division Officer, French Rocks.*

Submitted to Deputy Commissioner :—

1. The delay in the submission of this report is much to be regretted although it may be conceded that the Amildar's time and attention were occupied during the interval that has been allowed to elapse in the Jamabandi and collection work.

2. The cattle show at Maddur promises in course of time to become a permanent feature of the annual jatra. The time chosen this year did not synchronise with the Madduramma's jatra which is the one occasion that attracts crowds of villagers from all parts. In future years Madduramma's jatra and not the temple car festivals should be fixed for holding the cattle show.

3. The collection of fees on cattle brought to the show may be deferred (and it was given up this year) till its value comes to be fully appreciated and a healthy impulse is given to the spirit of emulation among cattle breeders.

4. The show must continue to be supported both from increased contributions from District Funds and from liberal private subscriptions for a year or two more when it may be hoped that the show could be made to pay its own expenses.

5. The Amildar and the members of the committee deserve to be congratulated on the success of the show which had to be organised during an inclement weather and at a time at which it was difficult to induce the villagers to suspend their ploughing operations for the purpose of attending the show.'

Mr. Narasimha Iyengar's speech on cattle breeding was very instructive and popular. The distribution of pamplets on renderpest was most welcome to the raiyats. It is hoped that the popularity and usefulness of the show will manifest themselves in stimulating the desire and efforts of the owners of large droves of cattle to improve the breed and to exhibit increasing number of well-bred bulls, calves and cows from year to year.

A list of prize-winners in the cattle show held at Maddur during 1912.

No.	Name of owner and residence	Class or kind	Prize
1	Thimmegowda of Kankanhalli ...	Bulls ...	1 Gold medal, 1st prize.
2	Karigowda of Desahalli ...	Bulls ...	1 Silver medal, 2nd prize.
3	Kalegowda of Malvalli ...	Calf ...	1 Do 1st prize.
4	Siddegowda of Channapatna ...	Calf ...	Rs. 5.
5	Kempegowda of Biderhalli ...	Calf ...	Rs. 5.
6	Siddegowda of Keelara ...	Bullocks ...	1 Gold medal, 1st prize.
7	Kalegowda of Mandya ...	Do ...	1 Silver medal, 2nd prize.
8	Kalegowda of Belur ...	Do ...	Rs. 5.
9	Boregowda of Hanakere ...	Plough bullocks	Rs. 5.
10	Yeeregowda of Valagarhalli ...	Do ...	Rs. 5.

No. 2467-9—L. B. 88-12-2, DATED BANGALORE, 23RD SEPTEMBER 1912.

ORDER THEREON.—Recorded with the observation that the number of cattle exhibited on the occasion was very poor.

2. The unspent balance of Rs. 9-4-6, referred to in para 15 of the Amildar's report should be credited to the District funds and not to the Muzrai funds as stated by the Amildar.

By Order,
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Officiating Secretary to Government, General and Revenue Departments.

To—The Comptroller, Mysore Government.
The Revenue Commissioner in Mysore.
The Deputy Commissioner, Mysore District.